[Mr. Muruvelil Pachu Pillai.]

(*e*) whether, in case the question of seniority is to be determined in accordance with the date on which one began to act first, any Head Constable acting as an Inspector of Police from 1094 onwards has been reverted to his original post at present (18-2-1104) and whether any Head Constable, acting as an Inspector only from 1095 onwards, has been again appointed now as an acting Inspector ,and, if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Select and deserving Head Constables are promoted as acting Inspectors of Police on considerations based at the outset on the length of their service, their general character and ability and their educational qualifications. The date of first selection can possibly come in for consideration only for determining their seniority for purposes of confirmation or their reappointment as acting Inspectors in vacancies that come into existence after the termination of their first acting appointments.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) In May 1928, Mr. J. J. Daniel, District Superintendent of Police, who was then in charge of the duties of the Commissioner of Police, sought the views of the Account Officer as to the relative seniority of two Head Constables who were acting as Inspectors of Police and the reply* given him by the Account Officer is laid on the table.

(*e*) The following is a list of Head Constables who began to act as Inspectors in 1094 and 1095 ;—

1094.	1095.
1. K. Nainan.	1. K. Govindan Unnittan.
2. N. Kesava Pillai.	2. K. S. Meenakshinata Aiyara
3. K. Rama Rao.	3. G. Paramesvaran Pillai.

Of these, No. 1 in the list for 1094 and Nos. 1 and 2 in the list for 1095 were acting as Inspectors on the 18th Kanni 1104, their retention being based on merit. No appointment of an acting Inspector was made on the date in question.

Receipts from Income Tax and Customs Duty from Alleppey.

224. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the receipts from Alleppey under income tax and customs duty separately for the last two years (1102 and 1103)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is given below:

Year.	*Income tax.*			*Customs duty.*		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1102	58,508	22	6	13,46,014	19	9
1103	97,917	16	0	11,45,455	22	14

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 449.

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In regard to the receipts under income tax, it is not possible to ascertain the receipts from Alleppey alone, as the assessees of Alleppey include residents of Alleppey and persons whose principal place of business has been declared to be Alleppey for purposes of income tax, and as they are exclusive of persons deriving income from Alleppey but assessed in other Divisions. The figures given represent the income tax realised in 1102 and 1103 from persons whose principal place of business is Alleppey.

Opinions expressed by Newspapers on Administrative Matters.

225. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have now (Chingam 1104) made any arrangements for bringing to the notice of the Dewan, or for enabling him to learn, the opinions expressed by newspapers with regard to each administrative matter which crops up here from time to time, and, if so, what they are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have made arrangements for the purpose. They do not however propose to disclose what they are.

Assignment of lands to Ex-war-service men.

226. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether certain persons have not been recruited by them from this State for war service;

(*b*) whether they have issued an order that ten acres of land each would be assigned free in the names of the ex-war-service men;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether notices have been served on each one of them to that effect;

(*d*) whether applications have been received from any of them applying for the registry of lands as per the order assigning ten acres of land to each;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the number of applications received up till now (14-3-1104), the number of applicants in whose favour lands have been registered, as also the number in whose favour lands have not been assigned; and

(*f*) the year in which the aforesaid order was issued and how long it would be in force?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No such orders were issued but Rule 9 of the Rules issued under date the 23rd January 1918 and published in the *Government Gazette* prescribed 5 acres of wet land and 10 acres of dry land as the *maxima* which should however be reached only in special cases and for special reasons.

(*c*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

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